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SUBJ: INFORMATION ON URBAN-RELATED INSTITUTIONS IN URUGUAY

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FOR HUD

1. THE MAJOR PUBLIC INSTITUTION GOVERNING HOUSING POLICY IS OFICINA DE PLANEAMIENTO AND PRESUPUESTO (OPP), CALLE CONVENCION 1523. (THIS ADDRESS AND ALL OTHERS GIVEN IN THIS TELEGRAM ARE IN MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY.) THIS GOVERNMENT AGENCY, WHICH HAS A HOUSING DEPARTMENT (DEPARTAMENTO DE VIVIENDA), RESPONDS DIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT OF URUGUAY. IT PLANS AND BUDGETS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING BUREAU: DIRECCION NACIONAL DE VIVIENDAS (DINA VI), PLAZA INDEPENDENCIA 776, P.1. DINAVI FOLLOWS OPP DIRECTIVES AND EXECUTES HOUSING PROJECTS WITH FUNDS OBTAINED FROM A 2 PERCENT TAX LEVIED ON WAGES CALLED "FONDO NACIONAL DE VIVIENDA". LOW-COST HOUSING IN PARTICULAR IS ADMINISTERED BY A DINAVI BRANCH CALLED INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE VIVIENDAS ECONOMICAS (INVE), AV. AGRACIADA 1409. URBAN DEVELOPMENT IS THE CONCERN ALSO OF MUNICIPALGUTHORITIES. PRIMARY GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP ARE PROVIDED BY THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE CAPITAL CITY OF MONTEVIDEO, WITH ADDRESS AS FOLLOWS: INTENDENCIA MUNPOIPAL DE MONTEVIDEO, DIRECCION DE ARQUITECTURA AND URBANISMO, CALLE SAN JOSE 1376, P.2. THERE ARE NO PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED IN THIS ACTIVITY.

2. THERE ARE TWO HOUSING FINANCE AGENCIES: (1) BANCO

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HIPOTECARIO DEL URUGUAY (BHU), CALLE SARANDI 570, CASILLA DE

CORREO 26 AND (2) CAJA NACIONAL DE AHORRO POSTAL, CALLE MISIONES 1435. THE BHU IS THE STATE MORTGAGE BANK, ALSO ADMINISTERING FUNDS OBTAINED FROM "FONDO NACIONAL DE VIVIENDA". THE CAJA NACIONAL DE AHORRO POSTAL IS A POSTAL-SAVINGS BANK WHICH LENDS MONEY FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

3. THE MAJOR PUBLIC-WORKS AGENCY IS THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS. ITS HOUSING ACTIVITY IS LIMITED, HOWEVER, AND IT IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH PUBLIC BUILDINGS SUCH AS SCHOOLS, POLICE STATIONS, WAREHOUSES, ETC., AS WELL AS ROADS AND BRIDGES. THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE HOUSING DIVISION IS: DIRECCION GENERAL DE ARQUITECTURA, MINISTERIO DE OBRAS PUBLICAS, AV. 18 DE JULIO 1589. MAIN UTILITY AGENCIES: OBRAS SANITARIAS DEL ESTADO (OSE), CALLE SORIANO 1613 (STATE WATER WORKS). ADMINISTRACION GENERAL DE LAS USINAS ELECTRICAS AND LOS TELEFONOS DEL ESTADO (UTE), PALACIO DE LA LUZ, CALLE PARAGUAY 2431 (STATE POWER AND TELEPHONE AGENCY). ADMINISTRACION NACIONAL DE COMBUSTIBLES, ALCOHOL AND PORTLAND (ANCAP), AV. AGRACIADA S/N (AGENCY SUPPLYING PORTLAND CEMENT AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY).

4. MAJOR PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES FOR ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND URBAN PLANNERS ARE THE FOLLOWING: ASOCIACION DE INGENIEROS DEL URUGUAY, AV. AGRACIADA 1464, P. 13 (SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS). SOCIEDAD DE ARQUITECTOS DEL URUGUAY, AV. AGRACIADA 1464, P.17 (SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS). THERE ARE NO SOCIETIES GROUPING URBAN PLANNERS OUTSIDE OF THE ABOVE TWO ORGANIZATIONS.

5. THE CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION IS: CAMARA DE LA CONSTRUCCION DEL URUGUAY, AV. AGRACIADA 1670, P.1. THE BUILDING-MATERIALS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION IS: LIGA DE LA CONSTRUCCION, AV. AGRACIADA 1670.

6. THE MAJOR URBAN INFORMATION AGENCIES ARE THOSE MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE.
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